

OPPOSE

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***STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
STAFF REPORT ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING
THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM***

96th General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 4015 – Representative McCarthy

PROPOSAL

House Bill 4015 amends the State Employees' Article of the Pension Code to allow carpenter shop managers and carpenter shop supervisors who work for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) to elect to have certain prior service covered by SERS' regular retirement formula to be converted to SERS alternative formula service credit.

COMMENT

House Bill 4015 allows SERS members in the positions of carpenter shop manager and carpenter shop supervisor for the ISTHA on the effective date of the Amendatory Act to have all service credit established in the position of structural H-4 or H-6 or painter H-4 or H-6 converted to alternative formula service upon written application to SERS. The bill does not require the employee to make any contributions to SERS to convert the service credit to alternative formula service credit.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the staff that the system oppose House Bill 4015.